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Pilgrimage to Hedjaz - Post Haj committee
change of Headquarters from Calicut to Madras.

No. D.1788/Hajj.I/47
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Department of Commonwealth Relations,
New Delhi, the 16th May 1947.

To

The Secretary to Government of Madras,
Law (General) Department, MADRAS.

Subject: Port Hajj Committee - Change of Headquarters from Calicut to Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter No.9/47-67 dated the 6th May 1947 from the Muslim Educational Association of Southern India, Madras, on the above subject, and to say that the Government of India will be glad to have your views in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/ UNDER SECRETARY (HAJJ).

THE MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN INDIA
M A D R A S.

Copy of letter No.9/47-67 dated the 6th May 1947, from the Muslim Educational Association of Southern India, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Commonwealth Relations Department, Government of India, New Delhi.

I find that the Provincial Hajj Committee for the province of Madras has been located at Calicut. Calicut is only one of the towns of the Malabar district, which district in turn is one of the 25 districts of the Madras Province. No doubt, Malabar has a large population of Muslims, but Calicut is not a port of embarkation for the Hajj pilgrims and it is not also the capital of the province of Madras. My Association has for some time past been urging upon the Government of India to open the port of Madras for purposes of Hajj pilgrimage and the matter has been under consideration for a long time. More than 2/3 of the Muslim population of the province of Madras lives in the 24 other districts and the City of Madras is the most central place for the location of the headquarters of the Provincial Hajj Committee. A perusal of the map of Madras province would show how inconvenient it would be for the Muslims of the rest of the province to go to Calicut or to have quick correspondence. My association feels that the proper place to locate the Provincial Hajj Committee would be the capital of the province and not any remote corner of it.

Under the circumstances, I am to urge upon the Government that the headquarters of the Provincial Hajj Committee should be transferred to the City of Madras which is most convenient from all points of view, at an early date.

I am also to request you kindly to let me know the names and addresses of the gentlemen who constitute the Provincial Hajj Committee for the province of Madras at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you.

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No.F.1788-Hajj.I/47
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Department of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations.
New Delhi, the 7th June 1947.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Law (General) Department, MADRAS.

PROVINCIAL HAJJ COMMITTEE, MALABAR (CALICUT) RULES.

Sir,

In continuation of this Department letter of even number dated the 16th May 1947, I am directed to forward for your comments a copy of a letter No. 9/47-74 dated the 21st/22nd May 1947 from the Secretary of the Muslim Educational Association of Southern India. In this connection attention is invited to sub-para (1) of Rao Bahadur Rama Rao's letter No. 3329 dated the 6th August 1930. A copy of the rules, if any, relating to the constitution of the above Committee may kindly be furnished to this Department at an early date.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Yout most obedient servant,

Sd/ UNDER SECRETARY (HAJJ).

Copy of a letter No. 9/47.74 dated the 21st/22nd May 1947 from the Muslim Educational Association of Southern India, Madras, to the Commonwealth Relations Department, Government of India.

Subject: PORT HAJJ COMMITTEE - Change of Headquarters from Calicut to Madras.

I thank you for your letter No. 1788-Hajj.1/47 dated the 16th May 1947. The list of members of the Provincial Hajj Committee, Malabar (Calicut) furnished by you represents only the district of Malabar. I do not find any representative of the 25 other districts on this Provincial Hajj Committee. May I request you to let me know whether this Hajj Committee is intended only for Malabar and whether there are other subh provincial Haj Committees for the other district of the province I would also request you kindly to let me know the rules, if any, under which these provincial committees are constituted. I shall have to address you further in the matter after you have furnished me with the rules relating to the constitution of the Hajj committees.

Thanking you.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Home Department.

Fort St.George,
Letter (Ms) No. 3616. Dated, the 22nd September 1947.

From

O. Pulla Reddi, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Commonwealth Relations,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub: PILGIRIMAGE TO HEDJAZ - Port Haj Committee - Change of headquarters from Calicut to Madras.

I am directed to invite a reference to Mr. Lal Shan's letters No. D.1788-Hajj.I/47 dated the 16th May 1947 and dated the 7th June 1947 and to state that this Government have considered the proposal of the Muslim Educational Association of Southern India, Madras, to change the headquarters of the Provincial Haj Committee from Calicut to Madras and have come to the conclusion that Calicut may continue to be the headquarters of the Committee. The number of pilgrims that proceed to the Hedjaz every year from Malabar is more than double the number of all the pilgrims from other districts of the Province put together. As the Provincial Haj Committee is intended to afford all possible help and assistance to the pilgrims, it is desirable that the Committee should have its headquarters at Calicut.

2. I am to add that no rules have been issued by this Government relating to the constitution of the Provincial Haj Committee, Calicut.

Yours obedient servant,

O. PULLA REDDI.
Secretary to Government.

To

The District Magistrate, /True copy/
Malabar.

The Commissioner of Police, Madras

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Superintendent,
Madras Record Office, Egmore.

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